

SUTER FAMILY ARTIFACTS

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THIRD GENERATION FOR THE SUTER BIRDSTONE

Gene Suter saw the bird stone peeping out of the sandy soil of the Black Swamp in the 1970's. Stepping off the tractor, he picked it up. When the dust and dirt was cleaned off, he saw a perfect banded slate artifact which measured exactly four inches from nose to tail. Both posterior and anterior holes were completely intact, meeting each other in the usual slanted configuration. The artifact was first pictured in an early edition of *Ohio Archaeologist* shortly after it was found. Mr. Suter passed the piece down to his son, Jerry, who has in turn given ownership of the treasured family artifact to his son, Tom, the new owner.



A CLASSIC DOVETAIL

The Suter family of Putnam County has been in possession of the multi-colored dovetail pictured here. Its actual origin is somewhat cloudy, as it was found among their maternal great grandmother's effects after her demise. It is certain, however, that

it is an Allen County piece. Perfect except for two slight nicks on the edge [possibly from farm equipment damage] it measures exactly four and three eighths inches in length by one and seven eighths inches in width.



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Best Ever #8 Winners

The winners in each class were given a plaque and permanently retired from best ever competition. Congratulations!

Flint Projectile Point -	Scott Banks	Fluted Point	Perry County
Flint Tool -	Bob Montgomery	Blade	Madison County
Groundstone Tool -	Shawn Meyers	Grooved Adze	Huron County
Slate Pendant or Gorget -	Doug Hesson	2 Hole Gorget	Marion County
Banner Stone -	Ray Jordan	Prismoidal Banner	Wyandot County
Miscellaneous Class -	Ray Jordan	Chlorite Bead	Marion County